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#### MISSION OF THE ECONOMIC BRANCH - RE/USSE DIVISION

The Economic Branch is charged with the primary responsibility for evaluation of intelligence information, and the production and presentation of intelligence reports on economic situations\* within the boundaries of the USSR, the eight countries designated as Eastern Europe: Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Albania, and the Free Territory of Trieste, which bear on the national security of the U.S.A.

The Branch has a secondary interest in economic situations in other countries whose economies are closely linked with those of the U.S.S.R. and the eight designated Eastern European countries, by reason of military occupation, treaty rights, commercial agreements and trade, financial controls, special spheres of influence, or other causes. Reports having reference to countries of secondary interest are prepared in cooperation with the Division having primary responsibility.

The Branch formulates requirements for the collection of information and intelligence of an economic nature necessary for national intelligence objectives.

\* "Economic Situations" is interpreted to include all factors and measures which affect the National economy and the economic potential of a country; and in addition is construed to embrace those factors which indicate economic mobilization for war. Major basic factors are natural resources, energy and fuels, manufacturing facilities, engineering and production techniques, manpower, transportation, and finance and fiscal policies. Less tangible, but no less important are economic activities which result in contributions by other countries to their economic potential.

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**AREA ANALYSIS GROUP**

The Area Analysis Group is charged with the primary responsibility for evaluation of intelligence information and the production of intelligence reports on economic plans and organization and over-all economic situations, each within the limits of the USSR, the eight countries designated as Eastern Europe: Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Albania, and the Free Territory of Trieste. It will provide a summation of the over-all requirements of a wartime economy and the extent to which deficiencies of individual countries can be offset by surpluses of other countries within the specified geographical area. The Group has a secondary interest in matters relating to economic plans and organization or over-all economic situations in those countries whose economies are closely linked with those of the USSR, the eight countries designated as Eastern Europe and Trieste.

The Group formulates requirements for the collection of intelligence information from the IAC agencies and other government offices. This information is analyzed, evaluated, synthesized, interpreted and presented in reports for publication and distribution. These reports will be an analysis and summation of the main factors which affect the national economy, determine the basic economic potential for war, and indicate economic mobilization for war.

The Group to properly perform its functions and assume its obligations will:

1. Make recommendations regarding programming of production and requirements.
2. Assemble such basic economic data as will permit it to properly evaluate the importance and accuracy of current information.
3. Maintain a central file of readily accessible information related to economic plans and organization, interpretation of statistical methods, and over-all economic situations of general interest to the entire Branch.
4. Coordinate and synthesize material prepared by the Functional Sections for inclusion in major over-all economic studies.
5. Closely cooperate with the Industrial, Biographic and Graphic Register Units and the Library of the Office of Collection and Dissemination.
6. Represent the Division and/or Branch in conferences dealing with area analysis problems.

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7. Maintain liaison with the appropriate sections of CIA and other government offices.
8. Establish an Ad Hoc Committee of representatives of the IAC agencies to study and report upon specified subjects.
9. Maintain liaison with such commercial and professional associations and educational institutions as may be of assistance.

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